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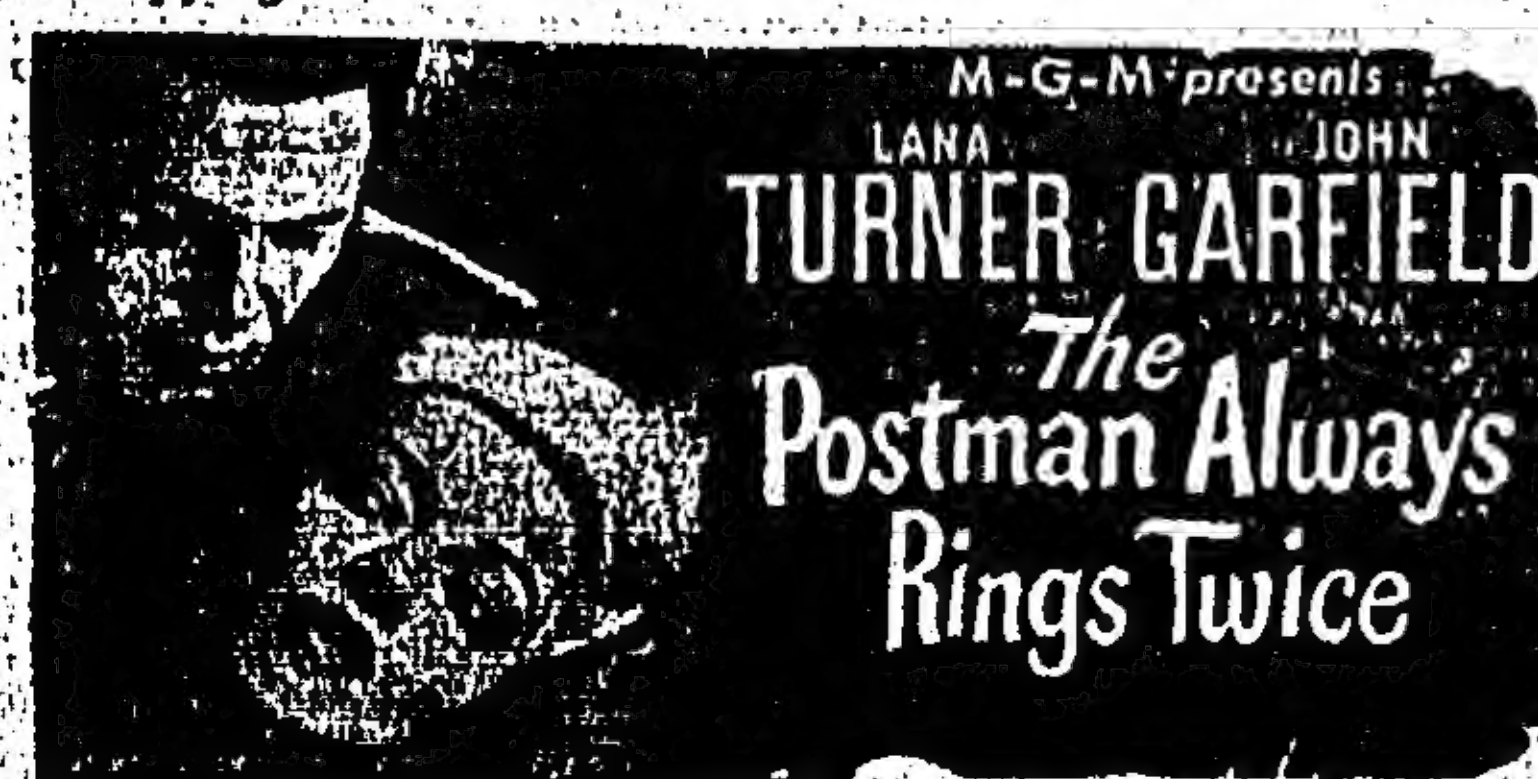
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Sitting on the Fence
by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

No doubt it is fortunate for English literature that Walt Disney is going to make a Hollywood version of Alice in Wonderland. If any of his pitiful imitators had tried it the rough script for the Mad Tea Party might have read like this:—

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

By HOMER F. SCHONK, HIRAM P. SHUNK, OTIS B. SHINK, and

LEWIS CARROLL.

There is a table set out under a tree in front of the house, and the March Hare and the (Mad) Hatter are having tea at it; a Dormouse sitting between them, fast asleep, and the other two are using it as a cushion, resting their elbows on it and talking over his head. The table is a large one, but the three are all crowded together at one corner of it. "No room, no room," they cry out when they see Alice coming. "Get out! here, will you?"

"Don't give me that stuff. There's plenty room," says Alice, who is a little bit bobby soxer with a mean line in come-backs. Alice sits down in a large arm-chair at one end of the table.

"Have some wine," says the March Hare in an encouraging tone. "I don't see no wine," says Alice. "That's because there ain't none," says the March Hare.

"Smart guy, huh?" says Alice. "Yeah, mebbe," says the March Hare.

"Your hair wants cutting," said the Hatter, who had been staring at Alice for some time with great curiosity. "Well, how do you like that?" asks Alice.

"I don't like it," says the Hatter. "Well, you don't have to make personal remarks about it," says Alice, "because it's rude."

THE Hatter opens his eyes wide at this, but all he says is "Why is a raven like a writing desk?" "Greece," says Alice, "have I run into a kid's quiz?"

"Do you mean to say you know the answer?" asks the March Hare. "Guess I could find out," says Alice.

"Then you should say what you mean," says the March Hare. "I do," says Alice, "or anyways, I mean what I say, which is the same thing."

"It certainly ain't!" says the Hatter. "O.K., smarty," says Alice. "It ain't."

"You might as well say," says the Hatter, "that 'I see what I eat' is the same as 'I eat what I see.'"

"You might as well say," says the March Hare, "I like what I ge," is the same as 'I get what I like.'"

"You might as well say," says the Dormouse, "that 'I breathe when I sleep' is the same as 'I sleep when I breathe.'"

"The conversation has certainly reached a pretty high level," says Alice, drumming her fingers on the table. "Some of you professors ought to be lecturing in college."

THERE is a short silence during which the Hatter takes his watch out of his pocket, shakes it and holds it to his ear.

"What day of the month is it?" he asks Alice. Alice considers a little and says "The fourth."

"Two days wrong," sighs the Hatter. "I told you butter wouldn't suit the works," he adds, looking angrily at the March Hare.

"It was the best butter," the March Hare cracks back. "And darn lucky to get it at two dollars a pound," says Alice.

THE Dormouse is asleep again, and the Hatter, pouring a little hot tea on its nose. Then, turning to Alice, he asks: "Have you guessed the riddle yet?"

"No, I give it up," says Alice. "What's the answer, anyway?"

"I haven't the slightest idea," says the Hatter. "For me," says the March Hare. "Say," asks Alice, "what's the big idea, wasting time asking riddles that have no answer?"

"You shouldn't talk about wasting time," says the Hatter. "You shouldn't talk at all," says Alice.

"If you keep on good terms with Time," says the Hatter, "you can do what you like with him. For instance, suppose it was nine o'clock in the morning, just in time to begin lessons..."

"Come up and see me sometime," says Alice, "and talk me to sleep." "You'd only have to whisper a hint to Time," continues the Hatter, and round goes the clock and wham—It's half after one, time for dinner.

"Lunch," says Alice. "Dinner for working guys like us," says the Hatter, "and lunch for little Fifth Avenue smarties like you."

"You don't have to get fresh," says Alice, "and who wants lunch at nine o'clock, anyway?"

"Only a hog or a Middle West farmer, which is the same thing," says the Hatter, "but you could keep it to half-past one as long as you like."

"That's the way you manage?" asks Alice. "Oh, no," says the Hatter, "Me and Time quarrelled last March—just before he went mad, you know" (pointing with his spoon at the March Hare). "It was at the concert given by the Queen of Hearts, and I had to sing."

"Twinkle, twinkle, movie star. You know the song maybe?" "What a goddam bore you are," says Alice. "Sounds like a noo number to me," says Alice.

"Then it goes on," says the Hatter.

"Round and round the world you fly," "Looking for public—I."

"Well," continued the Hatter, "I'd hardly finished the first verse, when the Queen bawled out, 'He's murdering the tune. Off with his head.'"

"Don't sound like you live in a democracy," says Alice. "And ever since then," says the Hatter, "Time won't do a thing I ask. It's always six o'clock now."

"Well, blow me down," says Alice, "is that why so many tea things are put out here?"

"You said it, honey," says Alice. "So you just keep moving around, I suppose," says Alice. "You certainly are a smart kid, Alice," says the Hatter.

"What happens when you come to the beginning again?" asks Alice. "I told you she was smart," says the Hatter.

"LET'S change the subject," says the March Hare. "I vote the young lady tells us a story." "Don't know any bedtime ones," says Alice.

"Then the Dormouse shall," shout the Hatter and the March Hare. "Hey, wake up, Dormouse!"

"They pinch the Dormouse on both sides at once. The Dormouse slowly opens his eyes.

"I wasn't asleep," he says, "I heard every word you guys was saying." "Tell us a story," says the March Hare.

"Get cracking," says the Hatter. "Make it snappy," says Alice. "O.K., O.K.," says the Dormouse in a great hurry. "Once upon a time there was three little girls and their names was Cutie, Tootle, and Froolie..."

"What was their line?" asks Alice. "A sister act?"

"They didn't have no act," says the Dormouse. "They lived at the bottom of a well," says Alice.

"I'll say that's an act," says Alice. "What did they live on?"

"Treacle," says the Dormouse. "They must have been mighty sick," says Alice.

"I'll say they was sick," says the Dormouse.

"Why did they live at the bottom of a well?" asks Alice. "Take some more tea," the March Hare says to Alice, very earnestly. "I ain't had no tea yet," says Alice. "So I can't take more."

"You mean you can't take less," said the Hatter. "It's very easy to take more than nothing."

"Pine down, smart guy," says Alice. "Who's making rude remarks now?" asks the Hatter.

SAFEGUARD OF THE VETO

By J. M. ROBERTS

EVERY time the Russians use the veto in the United Nations Security Council, other nations begin to fume again as though it were a private device invented in Moscow to prevent postwar world co-operation.

It isn't, but the politicians have messed around with it so much that people get confused.

Chances are, as the result, a lot of them would vote if they were given an opportunity to have the veto power abolished. Yet the United Nations veto is the weapon forged specifically by the Americans for the defence of America. Without it there would have been no United Nations, because the United States Senate could not have approved the charter.

Without it the have-nots could vote America into most any position they desired. They could declare war in the name of the United States without consent of the Congress. They could vote that United States possession of the atom bomb, a menace to peace and take it over without giving America any guarantees in return.

That is they could, if the United States didn't pull out of the United Nations first.

Theoretically, it was to have been the last ditch device for use only in such possible circumstances as those mentioned above.

But the charter doesn't say that. Each major power is left to decide what is vital to it and to veto accordingly.

As a matter of fact, it is hard to find a difference in the principle between the Russian use of the veto and the United States position when the Pacific Islands trusteeship was under discussion.

America told the United Nations what it was going to do to that area and said it would submit to trusteeship on those terms and rejected the amendments with the threat to withdraw the trusteeship offer and to do as she pleased with the islands.

The trouble in the Security Council is that it was designed to work under the rule of unanimity among nations which trust each other—and they just don't.

Another basic trouble is that the nations are not yet willing to make the sacrifices necessary to accomplish what they set out to do—ensure peace.

If they had been, there would be a clause in the charter saying that war is completely impermissible and that they all agree to throw every ounce of its strength into the field immediately against any one who backslides on that point for any reason.

Lacking that insurance against aggression, national defence and national sovereignty still take precedence over everything else—and this is their name.—Associated Press.

BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

REPORTERS at Wagging Parva asked Mimsie Slopocorner whether she was looking forward to travelling faster than sound.

Mimsie replied: "I do so think that everybody is most kind. It isn't faster than sound, much less to the moon. I do so think it's the dawn of a new era, I always say."

Asked when he expected to start, Dr. Strablemus (Whom God Preserve) of Utrecht replied: "It depends on the currents in the upper air. A high wind at an altitude of, say, nineteen miles, will not counteract the pull of gravity. I have therefore fitted Utopia with self-rotatory gauges to enable us to sidle up the accumulated pockets of stationary air in the wind's wake. Transverse cloud-formations will be artificially dispersed by blasts of heat from an exhaust-pipe groined into the forward galberules."

The zinc-detector

THE Doctor spends most of his time among his delicate scientific instruments. These include, a kind of tuning-fork with curved ends, which is so sensitive to zinc that small bubbles appear on its surface at a distance of 40 feet from a zinc slab. As each bubble dries, it leaves a dirty blob of froth-like substance on the tuning fork. Transferred

Amazing results

By refraining from asking string-vendors how much string-ratoning began, the Ministry of Bubbleblowing has proved that every adult in England has saved five standard yards of string in two weeks. This is equivalent to 1,040,891 man-hours, and does not include twine, rope or coarse threads, which are dealt with separately by the Board of Co-operation. The figure can be made even higher by assuming that every baby saved (by not eating) one ounce of string per day during the period under review. So vast is the amount of string saved that the Government can now abolish string-ratoning.

Cheep, cheep

In singing sincerity is not enough. (Music Critic.) WHEN a massive soprano sings "I would I were a little bird," does she wish she were as ardently as her audience does? A goldfinch, perhaps? Not she. No thrush sings for her, but red meat and good bottled ale in the weighing-room.

NANCY Serves You Right, Sluggo!

By Ernie Bushmiller

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Women BEAUTY ARTS

By LOIS LEEDS



Posed by Janis Page for Lois Leeds.

Lois Leeds gives you news of Spring makeup and styles!

STAR SHINE!

For that clean-cut lip outline Janis Page uses a long-stemmed brush. She tips it with lipstick and does an outline, then she "fills in" with short up and down strokes with the brush. Janis is now playing in the Warner Bros. picture, "The Time, The Place and The Girl."

Hair and Hat! Thelma Altman, famous Metropolitan Opera star, wears an up-swept hairdo to complement her hat of veiling and ribbons, worn tipped forward. Hair and hat must go together say the designers and the stars!

Long-gloves! This coming Spring will see long-gloves and short sleeves. Your gloves must match your accessories, your hat or your lipstick. A lovely fashion and very flattering to Arms and the Woman!

Makeup Fashion! The makeup fashions for this Spring are especially delicate and beautiful. Powders are in the softest skin tones, makeup that is just a "blush" for the cheeks and a "rose" for the mouth. So, be sure to choose pretty things for the Spring and pretty makeup to harmonize.

Hair Tips! Marie Clark, the hair stylist for the stars in the picture, "The Best Years of Our Lives," Myrna Loy, Teresa Wright and Virginia Mayo—has this to say about culture fashions for the coming year. "The page-boy, bob is as

FLOWERS VEILING, FEATHERS

By Dorothy Russell

The chapeaux that bloom in the spring-ira could be Gilbert and Sullivan's song this year.

Flowers and veiling, bows and feathers are back in the millinery running with a vengeance. You'll be peeking under, over and sideways at public functions now, trying to get around these hats.

Brims are up in front, curled or sweeping at the sides, large and small.

They range from cartwheel and the new coupe-style shapes, to small marquis and peek-a-boo bonnets.

There are some Napoleon cornet brims, lots of cup and sailor shapes and picture hats. There are toques and Juliette caps for evening wear, as well as swirls and mantillas.

They are made of everything you can imagine—not only straw and felt, but organdie, feathers, veiling, materials that match dresses, lace and sequins.

Legroux sister, swanky Paris milliners, combine straw and felt in a large yellow hat, with off the face felt brim and deep straw crown. At the back, a long goose feather sticks out slant-ways.

Yellow Orchids For Trim

An attractive colour scheme is achieved by covering the crown of a large cocktail hat with brown veiling. A spray of yellow orchids adorns the front.

In many of the wider-brimmed hats, side dents occur, giving grace to the face contours. A large black straw hat has dents on either side emphasised by side-veiling tied in a bow on the crown.

Flat and shallow crowns are also popular. A honey coloured picture hat, worn slant-wise, has a round pork-pie crown. This is trimmed with a water-green velvet band.

United Press.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"The only thing I can suggest is that you take them to some other studio and have a movie made of them!"

ACQUIRED FOR NATION



Cotchele House, near Plymouth, reputed to be one of the oldest houses in continuous occupation in England and one of the best preserved mediaeval mansions in the West Country, has been acquired by the Nation from Lord Mount Edgcumbe who is leaving in the house its rare collection of late Stuart and early Georgian furniture on loan to the National Trust. The house dates from the twelfth century or earlier.

A Correspondent At Large In Moscow

By R. H. SHACKFORD

I was the first press correspondent to arrive in Moscow for the Foreign Ministers' meeting and had a chance to wander around and see a bit of the city before the conference started. I was torn in interest between the city, its art, people, customs, and the sight of Muscovites "scrubbing" the city like a mother does her child in preparation for the arrival of company.

Major impressions at this time of the year are the great cold, high prices, and—like most other European capitals—shortages of nearly everything—housing, food, transportation, materials and labour.

Moscow is probably the most overcrowded city in the whole world, with long queues day and night for buses and tremendous crowds pushing into marble-lined stations.

I flew in by plane from Stockholm, changing to a Soviet plane at Helsinki. Soviet pilots used the standard flying procedure, but did not pay any heed to safety belts. Luggage was mostly placed in vacant seats. The Customs officer at Leningrad was the most courteous and apologetic I have ever encountered. The Customs hardly looked at the luggage, and required the opening of only one piece, without inspecting anything.

On arrival in Moscow, the In-Tourist (Soviet Tourist Bureau) look cheerful, arranging room, ration coupons for meals, etc. But even so the visitor is in for many surprises, unusual experiences, language difficulties, shocks at high costs and laughs.

Street Scenes

The following are the highlights of my first days in Moscow from my diary:

Tuesday—Breakfast at the Metropolitan room for 13 rubles 60. Onelette with sour cream, dark bread and a large bun, two large slices of butter, two pieces of Swiss cheese, a pot of tea. Hundreds of workmen were busy early renovating hotel, installing new light fixtures, carpets, plumbing, paint and repairing revolving door entrance. Women were pasting paper around windows to keep out the wind.

In hour's walk in Sverdlov, Menzh and Red Squares, hundreds of men and women removing snow. The men direct operations and operate snow machines while the women shovel snow into trucks.

I tried to get into Lenin's tomb but was stopped by an excited guard who finally conveyed that it was closed and wrote on a piece of paper, "503-15".

The people look cold despite heavy coats, fur-caps, shawls and felt knee boots, and after an hour's walk I realised how the cold penetrates.

A rationed luncheon at 46 rubles with caviar, soup, turkey, potatoes, cake and coffee. This was at the foreign press table of the Metropolitan Hotel. No rationed meals yet but prices are high.

Best Food Shop

Wednesday—Visited Metro station, Sverdlov Square, with its marble slides crowded even at mid-morning. I was struck by statuary along the entrances, sports figures and ones of

Lenin and Stalin... everything in the subway was very plush. Trains were quieter, stations cleaner than any of New York's.

Good Street stores all have new window displays. It is the chief shopping district.

Gastronomie Number One—best food shop in Moscow—startles even the eyes of an American with the great varieties of fruit, cheese, meats, canned foods, dairy products, wines and liquors. But prices—a can of Libby's pineapple juice was 70 rubles, a bottle of vodka 80 rubles and 90 rubles. It is a "commercial" store where no ration coupons are needed, but where prices are much higher than stores where ration coupons are required. The Soviet can buy in either if he is willing to pay the higher price. Gastronomie Number One was jam-packed with people and the meat counter was just a mass of pushing customers.

Check Your Coat

I learned the mandatory way to check one's coat before entering many places. I wanted some tea while waiting for baggage at the airport. Inside the temperature was just enough to see one's breath, but I was firmly told, no check coat no tea.

Soviet Army chorus at Tchaikovsky Hall, a beautiful elliptical hall done in ivory with comfortable chairs. A capacity audience which warmed up most to light, humorous songs. A hundred singers, 75 in the orchestra and about 50 dancers. The performance more than fulfilled my expectations, but I couldn't get up the fact that the audience boomed when it was pleased and the galleryites cheered for encores—United Press.

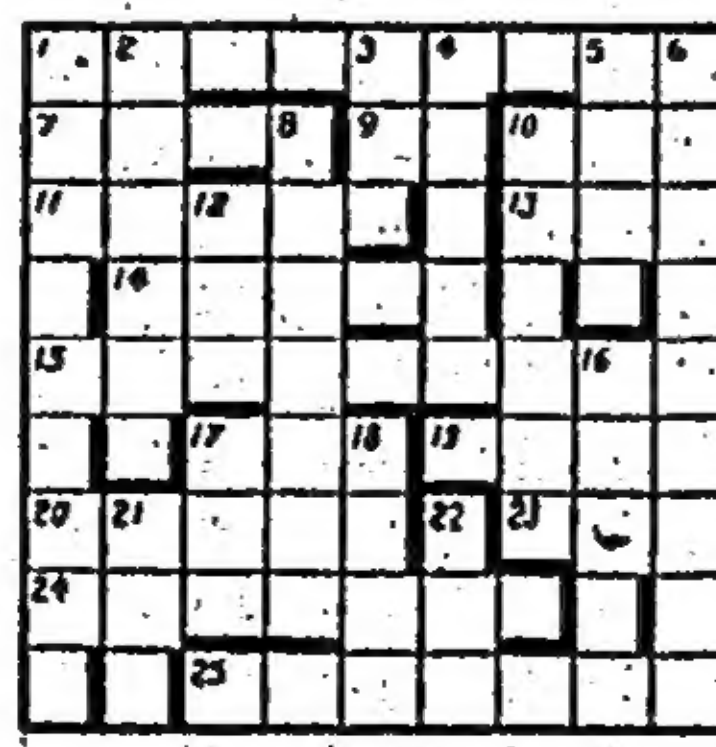
Rupert & the New Pal—24



Rupert assures George, no tortoise, that it is quite safe to go on and that he and Bill will protect him. So the little party moves along the side of the road. George is filled by everything he sees, but their progress is very, very slow, and at length Rupert and Bill stop and face each other. "This isn't going to be much of an outing," whispers the little bear. "At this speed it will take us all afternoon to reach the end of the hedge. We must think of some way to show George more of the world than that."

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CROSSWORD



1 and 5. Its union of sound is appreciated by listeners. (8)
7. In a way, Harold and I combine to grook. (4)
9. Proprietor. (2)
10. It follows men you may get wise counsel. (3)
11. Your change for a start. (3)
12. Evidence of car breaking here. (3)
13. In a way, Harold and I combine to grook. (4)
14. Arms outward bent. (4)
15. It's colloquially said to return. (3)
16. She's well known to Express readers. (4)

20. Scenes of many a battle. (5)
21. Initially fatal to pests. (3)
24. It takes more than a small drop. (7)
25. The inner circle of coral cave-lopes. (7)
Down
1. Thorns had a way of writing it seems. (3)
2. Cities of the New England States of America. (6)
3. In the P.O. it comes from a negative. (3)
4. Cause of many tears. (5)
5. Ye olden days. (4)
6. See 1 Across.
8. It's a small rodent. (7)
9. Many a small rodent. (7)
10. Thanks to a post. (6)
11. Courtesy title. (3)
12. Flowing and abiding periodically. (5)
13. It's a drink. (3)
14. A basin that we have heard a lot about in past years. (4)
15. To be round this would be a felony. (3)
22. Away for a change. (3)
Solution of Saturday's puzzle—Across: 1. Phobias; 2. Yacht; 3. Mabel; 4. Corporal; 5. Fanny; 6. Bumpy; 7. Snow; 8. Down: 1. Anecdote; 2. Jamb; 3. Dyallo; 4. New; 5. Borlino; 6. Arie; 7. Lutz; 8. Heaps; 9. Acres; 10. Set.

DUMB BELLS



WINDOW ON THE WORLD

THUNDERBOLT

Lusaka, Rhodesia:—Lightning struck a herd of 70 cattle near here and killed 62 animals outright, also impaling a native herder on the horns of one of them.

"ROMMEL'S" TOMBSTONE

Brussels:—One of Monty's faithful companions from Normandy to the Baltic was a spaniel he called "Rommel." The dog died during the campaign and was buried in the grounds of a country house at Zonhoven. Someone removed the tombstone, but the local population will defray the cost of a new one.

SLIPPERY SIMONE

Paris:—Simone is 19, blonde and pretty. She is also a clever pick-pocket. Not long ago she was arrested at a luxury hotel on the Riviera when a porter noticed she returned late each evening with dirty hands. Since then she has slipped police guards three times—giving them more trouble than a hardened criminal.

SNAKE NURSERY

Johannesburg:—Because so many people have been bitten by snakes this year, a special snake farm is being started in Natal to provide more venom for making anti-snake-bite serum. It will have breeding cages, a hatchery, a nursery for young reptiles and a special pond for breeding frogs for food.

MOUNTIES MISSED

Montreal:—Once the Mounties did not get their man. The federal public accounts reveal a write-off of 2,500 yards of gabardine valued at £1,400 stolen in 1945. The Red Coats went after the thief—but they missed.

CANADIAN IMMIGRATION

Ottawa:—Canada will open the door to married relatives of Canadians in Britain and Europe as soon as ships are available and the housing crisis is solved—but probably not before 1948, Immigration officials state.

IT'S AN ILL WIND

Melbourne:—A Chinese bosun of a British ship was murdered in a car recently and British born Mrs Isabel Luck read of a man on the ship of the dead "oriental" called Reavely. That was her maiden name. She phoned the ship and found her brother whom she hadn't seen for 25 years. Now he will move to Australia with four daughters.

YANKEE GADGETS

New York:—While motor car manufacturers are too busy to change car designs, they are making up in gadgets. One car has an electric razor which plugs into the cigarette lighter outlet. Another has a whistle which goes off to remind the driver his head brake is still on. Another has colourful window awnings to keep out the sun.

HEIGHT OF SOMETHING

Miami:—Florida is famous for its advertising of sunny days. One big newspaper even gives its entire issue away if raindrops arrive. When snow and ice came to the famed winter resort recently, they publicised the fact that "Even winter spends the winter in Florida."

MORE JEEP HISTORY

Rotterdam:—For the first time in its history, Marken, famous islet in the Zuider Zee, much frequented by tourists, saw a motor car in its narrow streets when an American officer drove his jeep over ice from Volendam and with a skilful manoeuvring—managed to make a four through the small village.

JUMPED INTO GAOL

Oslo:—Charles Hoff, former world's record holder of the pole-vault, has been sentenced to nine years' imprisonment for collaboration.

YOUTH EFFORT

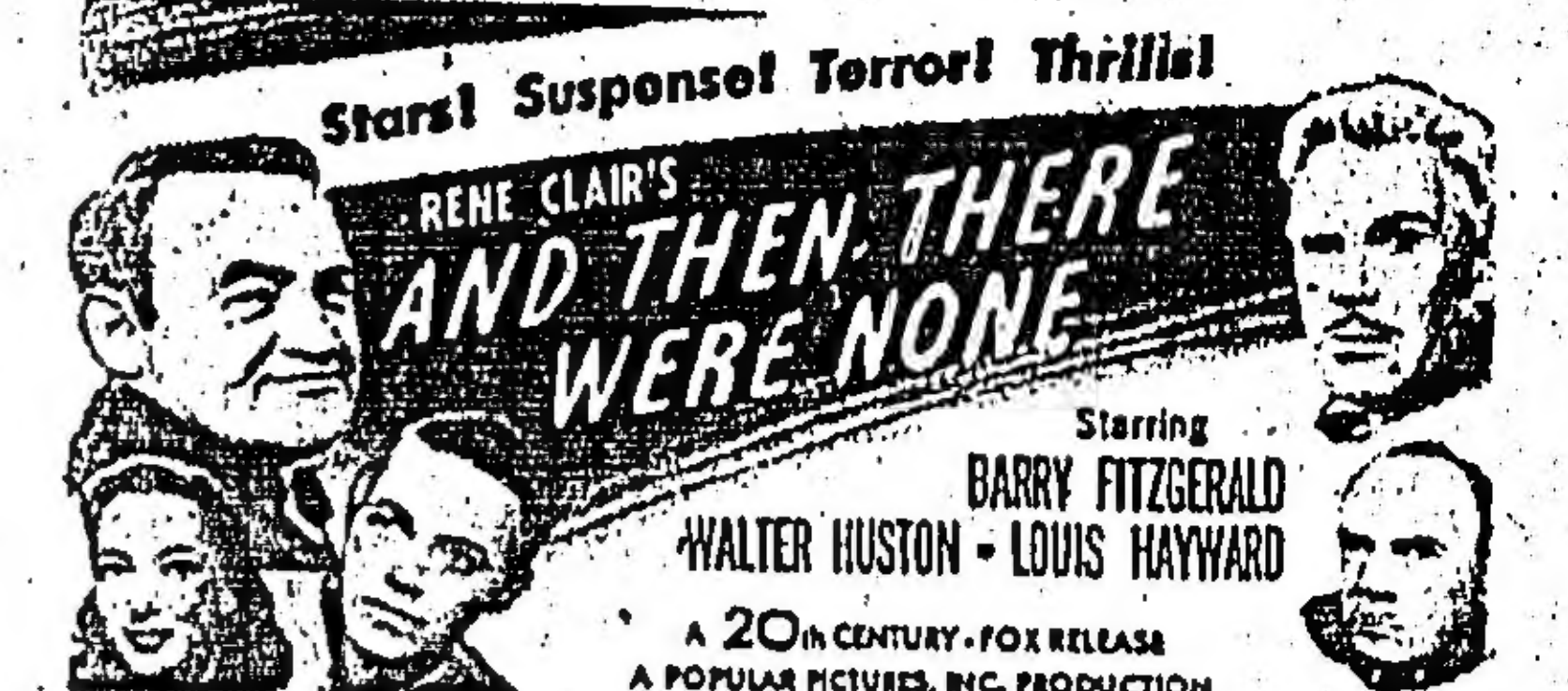
Berlin:—A selected number of German boys, whose past is untainted by the Hitler Youth Movement, may this year attend schools in England to learn the democratic workings of British youth organisations first hand.

POTASH DEPOSIT

Regina:—Potash, essential for fertilisers and explosives, has been found in abundance for the first time in Canada, 100 miles north of Saskatoon. The discovery is of the same relative international importance as uranium.

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TRUTH DRUG EVIDENCE ADMITTED

Truth drug evidence was "admitted" recently, probably for the first time in a British civil court, by Mr Justice Denning in the King's Bench Division—although he questioned its reliability.

Efficiency of truth drugs has been claimed for many years. They became prominent when American scientists at a crime detection laboratory experimented with them in 1931.

There are several kinds—penicillin, hyoscine hydro-bromide, and sodium amytal. All produce a drowsy effect, similar to the intoxication caused by about six tots of gin.

The patient experiences the condition known as "twilight sleep." He feels happy, and has no urge to talk. His determination not to give away secrets is broken down, and he answers questions freely. Because of his sleepy state it is usually necessary to shout in his ear.

On waking he often remembers nothing of the questions. The condition can usually be produced for about an hour at a time. Some users claim that patients tell 80 per cent of the truth under the drug.

Court-martial use

In the famous Soviet trials of 1937, when most of the prisoners made detailed confessions, many believed that they had been injected with truth drugs, but this was never substantiated.

CLEANING UP BERLIN'S BLACK MARKET

Anti-black market spies are operating on a wide scale in an effort to curb Berlin's lucrative black markets, says Associated Press.

As a result the black marketeers have become more secretive and careful.

Police raids on suspected black market centres are common. Flying squads move through Berlin's restaurants and stores, checking prices, and confiscating illegal goods.

The anti-black market system is called the "Office for Control of Trade." It has office throughout Berlin, where the public may report violations.

Goods worth more than 1,000,000 marks are confiscated each month. The seized materials, vary from tinned herring to bolts of woollen cloth.

Berlin's police chief has introduced forced labour for those caught operating illegally. They are usually put to work cleaning up Berlin's vast ruins.

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10-Year Plan For Indonesia

Batavia, Apr. 8. The Indonesian Republic's Minister of Economics, Mr. A. K. Gani, announced to-day a 10-year plan to convert Java and Sumatra to semi-socialistic economy.

Gani said the programme was intended to raise the living standard of 53,000,000 Indonesians by turning a larger proportion of the proceeds of production back into the country instead of permitting them to flow abroad.

The programme calls for: Automatic transfer to the Republic of public utilities, industries and estates owned by the Netherlands East Indies before the war;

War Reparations

Confiscation of former Japanese properties for reparations; Return of private foreign properties to their owners after individual agreements have been reached;

Guaranteeing labourers higher wages and better social conditions; Encouragement of peasants and labourers' organisations under protection of labour laws;

Increased participation by Indonesians in management and as shareholders in foreign enterprises;

State credit for industry, agricultural and marketing organisations and shipping;

Encouragement of mixed companies backed by state and private capital;

Co-operative companies financed by foreign loans and jointly run by labourers and the state, and co-operative organisations of peasants, workers and merchants;

Transmigration

Transmigration of millions of Javanese to under-populated Sumatra; Encouragement of exports and imports, which will be a state monopoly at the start;

Appointment of foreign advisers for the army, education, finance, customs, agriculture, industry, transport and public utilities.

Gani said that neither Holland nor any other nation has a monopoly in furnishing advisers or in any other phase of the new Republic's economic life.—Associated Press.

Mount Hecla More Restive

Reykjavik, Apr. 8. The roar from Mount Hecla's eight craters increased considerably to-day, and scientists who had climbed through the volcanic fumes to the rim of the main crater believe that the second phase of its eruption was starting.

The scientists said the main crater, which had lain dormant for more than 100 years before eruption started last month, was continually belching huge clouds of vapour. Two hundred feet below the rim, molten rock bubbled against the perpendicular walls.

All except two of the seven smaller craters further down the mountain-side are still pouring lava into streams that are now more than 60 metres thick in places.—United Press.

SCHOOLBOY ON MURDER CHARGE

Port Talbot, Wales, Apr. 8. A nine-year-old schoolboy was charged in the juvenile court today with murdering four-year-old Glyndwr Parry by tying his feet and hands with shoelaces and throwing him into the Afan River. The trial was postponed for one week. Glyndwr's body was found today after an all-night search. The Court withheld the accused boy's name, but Detective-Inspector Lancelot Bailey testified that when he read the charge, the boy replied, "I won't do it again."—United Press.

PITCHED BATTLE WITH STRIKERS

Madras, April 8. Several thousand strikers marched on the Government House but were dispersed by the police using tear gas in a two-hour pitched battle. The marchers were employees of the Buckingham and Carnatic Mill. They have been on strike for a month. They demanded to see government officials for a hearing of their case. Six were arrested.—United Press.

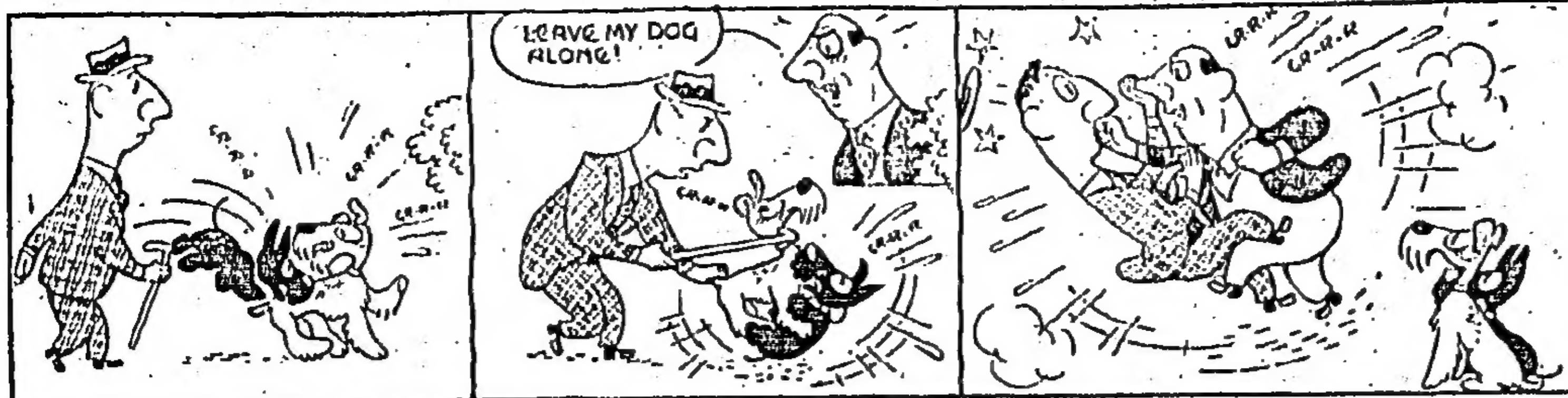
But He Still Went To Prison!

Leaves, East Sussex, April 8. Though he pleaded guilty to fraud against the Post Office, Dennis William Whiting wanted so dearly to escape imprisonment that in quick succession, he swallowed a pocket watch, a tin of marmalade and a large English penny wrapped in it, and the doctor who examined him opined he probably ate some glass from a window he smashed.

The court, unimpressed with Whiting's gastronomic efforts, sentenced him to four years' imprisonment, which doctors said he would survive.—United Press.

THE PARKERS

by HODGES



Charge Russian Troops Still On Chinese Soil

New York, Apr. 8. The New York Times, in an editorial to-day, charged that Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov's letter to Gen. George Marshall, U.S. Secretary of State, implying that United States troops are participating in the Chinese civil war and asserting that Russian troops completed the evacuation of Chinese territory almost a year ago, "is a bit of Soviet propaganda" and "neither statement will stand examination."

LEWIS TELLS MINERS TO RESUME WORK

Washington, Apr. 8. John L. Lewis issued conditional back-to-work orders to-day to his 400,000 soft coal miners, 48 hours prior to a scheduled appearance before a judge who once jolted him and his United Mine Workers with US\$3,600,000 fines.

Lewis announced that he had sent a telegram to each district president of the Union saying: "I confirm a policy of immediate resumption of production at each mine as fast as it is certified by Federal mine inspectors as being in conformity with the Federal mine safety code."

By the thousands, more and more miners today were reported answering work whistles as crews of Federal inspectors pressed their efforts to eliminate dangers and end the current shutdowns. The stoppage started last week with a six-day period of mourning for the 11 miners killed in Centralia (Illinois) mine disaster.—Associated Press.

Bill To Cut Loose Rupee

New Delhi, Apr. 8. A measure cutting loose the Indian Rupee from the Pound Sterling and making it an "international standard" was passed by the Central Legislative Assembly today.

Ratification by the Council of State and the Viceroy is considered a formality. The Indian Interim Government's Finance Minister, Liaquat Ali Khan, in moving amendment of the bill, said it would break the statutory link between the Rupee and Sterling, but would not have an immediate effect on either the changing of the exchange rate or taking India out of the Sterling area.—Associated Press.

U.S. Troops Quit Iceland

Reykjavik, Apr. 8. American occupation of Iceland will end before midnight tonight. The troop transport, E. B. Alexander, is scheduled to dock at Akafavik today to take aboard 308 United States troops, and the last 20 will leave by plane later tonight.—United Press.

FIVE YEARS AFTER, SILENCE STILL ENWRAPS BATAAN

Manila, Apr. 9. It is five long years since Bataan, which, in the words of Lieutenant-General Jonathan Wainwright, was "a hopeless hell where everything was bad except the will to live." About noon of that April 9 of 1942, a terrible silence spread over the sprawling wilderness of bamboo and jungle overgrowth. That silence exists to this day. Villages wiped out in some of the most desperately unequal fighting of any war have not been restored. Bataan's mute battlefields remain undisturbed, shrouded under the mist that rolls in every day from the China Sea.

Delaying Action The triumphant Japanese had waited a few days after Major General Edward P. King Jr. had walked into a dilapidated school building in Limay to discuss the surrender of his forces. Then a communique blared: "The Imperial Army units crushing the American and Filipino forces holding the elaborate defence positions in the Bataan area completely occupied the peninsula after launching a general drive... at least 40,000 have been captured including Major-General King, Major-General Albert M. Jones, commander of the First

The editorial refuted Molotov's assertion that the Russians have evacuated from Manchurian territory by asserting that "Russian forces continue to hold one of China's most important Manchurian cities—Dairen—and to ignore American and Chinese protests based on the fact that the Russo-Chinese treaty of 1945 designated that the city is a free port under Chinese administration."

The editorial added that Molotov's charge that foreign troops, not Russian—presumably American—are fanning the Chinese civil war was equally without foundation.

It concluded by saying that Molotov had still not replied to Gen. Marshall's request for information on what happened to 70,000 Japanese prisoners of war held by the Russians. The Times, in a second editorial on the Japanese elections, said they revealed that the Japanese would see more hope in established order in Japan than in economic and social revolution offered by the Socialists and Communists.

It said local elections showed a distinct national trend and added: "The Japanese voter obviously intends to make haste slowly in his advance towards Utopia." The editorial concluded: "In adopting the democratic constitution they took a long step. The result of the elections indicates that they still intend to keep to the straight road and avoid the short cuts to which the Leftists invited them."—United Press.

Gandhi's Message To Viet Namhese

New Delhi, Apr. 8. Mahatma Gandhi has sent a message to the Viet Namhese expressing "full sympathy for the cause for which the people of Viet Namh are fighting." It was reported here today. Mr. Gandhi said: "My heart is always with the oppressed peoples of the world."

The Hindustan Times Evening News said that the message would be taken to Indo-China by the leader of the Viet Namh delegation to the Inter-Asian Conference, who will leave New Delhi tomorrow.—Reuters.

Lord Killearn For Sydney

Singapore, Apr. 8. Lord Killearn, the British Special Commissioner to South East Asia, will fly with Lady Killearn to Sydney on April 12 on an official visit to Australia at the invitation of the Australian Government. It was officially announced here today. On April 17 they intend to go to New Zealand for several weeks' rest at the invitation of the Governor-General, the Prime Minister and Government of New Zealand.—Reuters.

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Army Corps, Major-General Parker, commander of the Second Corps, and Major-General Francisco, commander of the Philippine forces. There were some 6,700 American officers and men.

Left unmentioned were the days of the heart-breaking delaying action which had held up Nippon's mad surge of conquest four months, and finally required fresh troops from the Malaya campaign to overcome the malaria-ridden Filipino-American soldiers, whose legs gave under them as they fought.

Nor was there any mention of the four successive landings from the sea that the Japanese had attempted, only to be pushed back on to Bataan beaches and then into the sea itself. There was no mention of how the four remaining P40s, patched together with baling wire a few weeks earlier, had been equipped with improvised bomb racks and taken off from Cabanatuan airfield, at the base of Bataan, for a raid on the Japanese base at Subic Bay. In the hitherto unpublished, personal records of Major-General George F. Moore, commander of the harbour defences with headquarters on Corregidor, mention is made of that daring air attack which left five enemy cargo vessels burning and sinking, several others damaged and fires raging on the enemy docks on Olongapo and Grande Island.

Phone Strike Stops Kiss

Albuquerque, Apr. 8. Pretty Loreta Patsik, 26, of Los Angeles, was married by proxy to her army sweetheart in Japan, but the telephone strike thwarted her hopes of sealing the ceremony with a long-distance kiss. The bridegroom is Lieut. Albert Schilling, 30, now a Signal Corps officer in Yokohama. His father, Joseph Schilling, of Hollywood, substituted for him at the ceremony, performed by a justice of the peace. The bride said the Lieutenant proposed by trans-Pacific telephone.—Associated Press.

'Lion Men' Arrested For Murders

Dar-Es-Salaam, Apr. 8. The Tanganyika police announced to-day that they had gaol'd 61 accused "lion men" and their women accomplices, who will be tried for dozens of murders in which the victims appeared to have been attacked by man-eating lions.

The police said they were continuing their investigations in the Singida district, and expected to make further arrests before the trial.

At least one of the murders, they said, indicated witchcraft, and "this case will be dealt with in due course." The announcement did not explain what witchcraft was used. White residents of the Singida district speculated that the murders, done with knives designed to make wounds resembling tooth marks, resulted from a tribal feud between two rival chiefs.—United Press.

THREE CARRIER PLANES CRASH

Pearl Harbour, Apr. 8. One Navy flier was killed and four injured in three separate plane mishaps during the cruise of the carrier Shangri-la from California to Hawaii, the Navy revealed today. The Shangri-la and USS Antietam arrived to relieve the carriers Princeton and Terapa for overhaul. Two were rescued on Saturday when a Helldiver ditched into the ocean due to engine trouble. Half an hour later Ensign Kent Johnson was killed when a Helldiver plunged into the sea and burned. A third accident occurred on Monday morning when the catapult mechanism failed, tossing a plane into the sea. The pilot and crewman were rescued.—United Press.

Greek Landing Exercises

Athens, Apr. 8. The Greek fleet began landing exercises today in Volos Gulf, in preparation for combined operations with the Army against guerrillas. The Hellenic naval attaché, Admiral Schneckenberg, was the guest of the Navy Minister, M. Venizelos, at the exercises.—United Press.

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One plane failed to return and two others overshoot the Cabanatuan field on their return and crashed on landing, leaving only one plane that could fly. Perhaps the worst night of all was the night before the surrender. General Moore's record went on: "All that night and on the day of the surrender refugees from Bataan poured into Corregidor by boats, rafts, bancas or any other means of keeping afloat, across the two-mile channel."

Stores Blown Up "The night sky was illuminated for hours as ammunition stores and various installations were blown up. The Japanese were blown up. At 1.10 p.m. April 9, troops in fatigue clothes were observed marching on the Cabanatuan road. At 4 p.m. a Japanese 25 mm battery was rushed forward and opened fire on Corregidor from the beach near Cabanatuan as a forest of what we were to expect. "Because the battery was in plain sight it was quickly destroyed by 155 mm fire from our batteries."

"However, on account of the large number of our own captured troops being marched out on the Bataan roads and on account of two base hospitals filled with our own sick and wounded, we were at a disadvantage."—Associated Press.

Britons' 10,000 Mile Trek Ends

Port Elizabeth, Apr. 8. Almost five months after leaving Coventry, eight Britons have completed the 10,000-mile trek to South Africa, where they plan to establish new homes.

"England is in a pretty bad state at present, and we thought things would be much better in South Africa," they said.

Members of the group, who made the trip in two former British army lorries at a cost of between £200 and £300 each, are J. Pedley, an engineer, fitter and turner; T. Chinn, a commercial artist; L. Proctor, a fitter and turner; K. V. L. Wangstaff, a sales representative; Mr. and Mrs. Miller; W. Pearce and J. Hughes, motor mechanics.

Set Out From Coventry The group set out from Coventry on November 14 in the two lorries, which they drove to New Haven, where they caught a cross-channel ship to Dieppe and then drove on to Marseilles, and then crossed the Mediterranean to Algeria.

Through Tripoli and Cyrenaica they drove, sleeping each night in old German dugouts, in farmhouses and sometimes in the open when no other accommodation was available. For several days they enjoyed the sights of Cairo, and then continued on to Luxor and Aswan, where the toughest part of the journey started.

Water Supply Dwindled The inhabitants at Aswan told them they should reach Wadi Halfa in two days. But the road was in a terrible condition, and the journey took them nine days during which their water supply became dangerously low, and they had to drink "from the lorry radiators."

They then drove the 350 miles into Khartoum without mishap and then on to Kosti and Juba. That stretch was picturesque, they recalled, and they shot 20 crocodiles.

They then went on to Uganda, Kenya and Tanganyika, then into Rhodesia and then to the Union. All described the trip as "extremely tough going", and said they were broke until they sell a lorry.—Associated Press.

Prince Mikasa In College

Tokyo, Apr. 8. Prince Mikasa, younger brother of Emperor Hirohito, was among the commoners who entered the Tokyo Imperial University for the new school term. A special student, Mikasa will study European history.

Twenty-two-year-old Prince Harunori Kaya, who earlier passed the entrance examinations, is the first member of the Imperial family to become a full-fledged student of Tokyo's leading government-supervised university and will study law.

Clothed in the national uniform which was adopted during wartime, Prince Mikasa attracted little attention in the entrance ceremony.—United Press.

EXHIBITION BADMINTON

Low Keat Soo, former doubles badminton champion and Perak State player, will be seen in action at Club de Recreio on Saturday night in a friendly exhibition match between the Hongkong University and Mr. A. Oliveira's team.

Mr. Oliveira's team will include Patrick Wong and Dr. P. K. Hui, two former Colony champions.

LIVE AND LET LIVE

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He challenged criticism such as made by the Soviet delegate Andrei Gromyko in the United Nations Security Council yesterday that the proposed United States programme could weaken the United Nations.

SUSTAINING UN Senator Vandenberg said: "We are not by-passing the United Nations. We are sustaining them. We are serving the peace, including peace for ourselves when we strive in prudent time to arrest those factions and disintegrations which otherwise could culminate in atomic war which must not happen."

He said that the United Nations should not be potentially ruined by assigning to it the functions which it did not possess. He added: "We need not condone the present Greek regime. We are entitled to expect that the Greeks themselves will build a more efficient and equitable democracy when relieved of the pressures which have driven them to any sanctuary that has been available."—Reuters.

Portuguese Shipyard Workers Dissatisfied

Lisbon, Apr. 8. The government today officially charged Communist elements with responsibility for the "semi-strike" which has hampered shipyard work at Portugal's principal ports for over a week.

The workers have not formally struck, which is forbidden by law, but they have refused to work more than eight hours daily and refused to work on Sundays and holidays. They also reduced the tempo at which they worked.

Their action was in protest against rejection of their demands for increased hourly pay, pay for overtime and increased rations.

They said they were not receiving enough food to give them the strength for extra work or to maintain normal productivity, the government communique said.

The communique continued: "The alleged claims of the workers cannot disguise the activity by Communist elements operating under orders received from foreign leaders. The strikers' purposes are political, although leaders by the Portuguese Communist Party present the claims as economic stabilisation, stabilisation of prices, better distribution of food and increased wages."

10,000 Workers Involved "It is impossible to tolerate indefinitely a situation which inflicts great damage on the national economy. The government, therefore, has decided, finally, to close factories involved for reorganisation and, secondly, to take measures for assuring that urgent shipyard work continues."

"A commission has been appointed to study conditions and protective measures as well as Portuguese immigration."

The reference to immigration was not clear. Last official figures released showed 1,700 immigrants during 1947, but the countries of origin were not shown.

About 10,000 workers are involved in the semi-strike. The principal yards at Lisbon affected are the Uniao Fabril, a city yard, and Barreiro Realy and Sons, a commercial firm.

Special police units have been called to do police duty but no disturbances have been reported.

Work on several ships is reported to be held up by the semi-strike and by today's government action in closing the yards.—United Press.

Gruner Appeal To Privy Council

London, Apr. 8. Following the dismissal by the High Court of Palestine of the application by Mayor Israel Rokach of Tel-Aviv to have the sentence of death on Yov Gruner, the Jewish terrorist, set aside, the London solicitors today received instructions from the Mayor to file a petition with the Privy Council here.

A cablegram has been dispatched to the High Commissioner for Palestine notifying him of the petition to the Privy Council and requesting postponement of sentence in accordance with the custom of the British Colonial Office.—Reuters.

OUTWARD MAILS

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Posts close 30 minutes earlier than the time stated below:

Wednesday, April 9
Straits, Malaya, Siam, Bangkok, Macassar (Sea) 3 p.m.
Kanton (Sea) 4 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin, Shekhi (Sea) 4 p.m.
Canton (Train) 4 p.m.
Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Baku, Cairo, Johannesburg, Augusta, Marseilles, London, New York, Canada (Air) 3.30 p.m.
Siam, Singapore, Colombo, Sydney, Auckland (Air) 3.30 p.m.
Amoy, Hongkong, Shanghai, Tientsin, Peking, Canton, Luchow, Kuming (Air) 3.30 p.m.
Fuzhou, Shanghai (Air) 3.30 p.m.
Thursday, April 10
Manila (Sea) 10 a.m.
Siam, Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Baku, Cairo, Johannesburg, Augusta, Marseilles, London, New York, Canada (Sea) 2 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt, Europe (via Liverpool) (Sea) 2 p.m.
USA, Central & South America, Canada (via San Francisco) (No parcels for Canada) (Sea) 3 p.m.
Kanton (Sea) 4 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin, Shekhi (Sea) 4 p.m.
Canton (Train) 4 p.m.
Bangkok, Peking (Air) 3.30 p.m.
Friday, April 11
Manila (Air) 10 a.m.
Siam, Marseilles (Sea) noon.
Siam, Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Baku, Cairo, Johannesburg, Augusta, Marseilles, London, New York, Canada (Sea) 2 p.m.
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Canton (Train) 4 p.m.
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TO-DAY'S BROADCAST

22W on 945 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2 p.m. and 6.30 to 11 p.m., and also on 925 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.15, 6.30 to 7.30 and 9 to 10 p.m.
6.30. Monte Rey (Vocal) and Jimmy Dorsey and His Orchestra. 7. London Relay. Home News from 7.10. 7.15. "We Sing for You"—Amenita Gail-Curt (Soprano). 7.20. Home News. 7.25. "I Bring You Music"—Classical Request Programme, arranged by Lynn Fraser. 7.30. Home News. 7.35. London Relay. News. 7.40. Studio "Radio Rhythm Club"—Presented by Brandon Lee. 7.45. "Stars Parade"—Classical and Screen Favourites of To-day and Yesterday. 10.15. London Transmission Service. A Case for Paul Temple. Episode 8 and Last. 10.30. "In which Paul Meets Valentine". 10.45. "Twilight Melodies". 11. Close Down.

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NO STONE UNTURNED FOR LOVE

London, Apr. 8. An approach to Vassily Kuznetsov, head of the delegation of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, is the British Government's latest move to get permission for 15 Russian wives of British servicemen to join their husbands in England.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, raised the matter with Premier Stalin nearly a fortnight ago after the Soviet Government had issued a decree forbidding marriages between Soviet citizens and foreigners and had announced that women already married to foreigners would not be given exit visas.

When the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, had made a similar appeal at the Potsdam conference, Stalin had allowed an earlier group of wives to leave Russia, but this time he said the decision lay with the Supreme Soviet.

Field Marshal Lord Montgomery also made an unsuccessful appeal when he visited Moscow.

This week-end Mr. Hector McNell, Minister of State, sent a personal letter to Kuznetsov, asking whether anything could be done to secure the release of these wives, whose separation from their husbands has become a burning question with the British public.—Reuters.

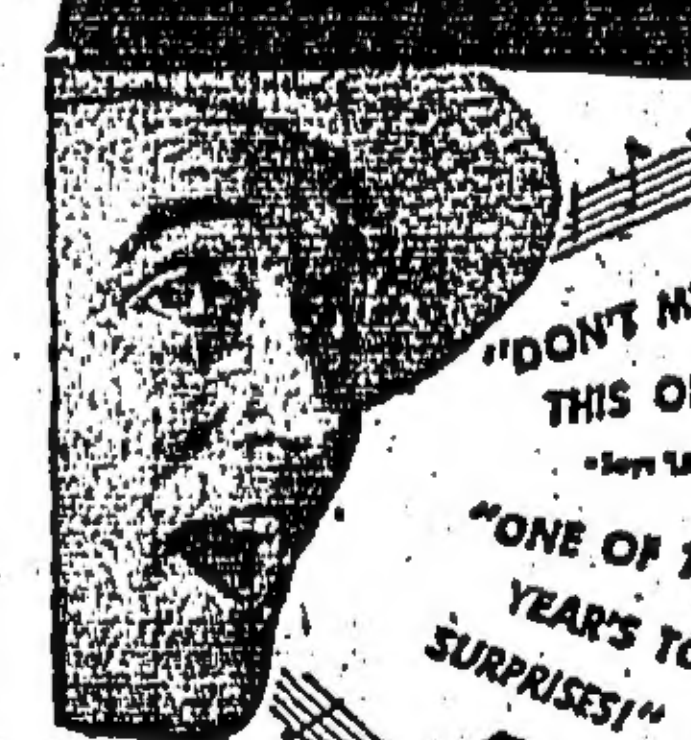
Assassinator Not Insane Verdict

Trieste, Apr. 8. Maria Pasquini, the Italian school teacher who shot Brigadier R. W. de Winton, commander of the British Infantry Brigade at Pola, last month, is not insane.

The report of the Psychiatrists' Commission which has been examining Pasquini found no adequate evidence of mental instability. The report, which has been sent to the Allied Military Court, trying her, agreed, however, that accused by reason of her personality, reacted to the external environment with exaggerated impulses in a state of limited responsibility, the legal valuation of which cannot be ascertained by the Psychiatrists Commission.—Reuters.

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